

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed by the Senate that provided \$2,000,000 to the Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, for hurricane-related expenses. The House bill did not include a similar provision.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement includes \$4,000,000 to establish a communications network, including the purchase and operation of communications equipment, including satellite phones, for community health centers and those entities (including major medical centers and departments of public health) deemed by the state associations of community health centers to be critical in providing health care in the event of a future hurricane or other natural disaster in states affected by hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season. Where they exist, state associations representing community health centers should be the primary recipient of these funds. The conferees expect this funding to be distributed by July 30, 2006 so that these systems can be in place as early as possible in the hurricane season. The Senate included \$6,000,000 for this purpose. The House did not propose a similar provision.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION

DISEASE CONTROL, RESEARCH, AND TRAINING

The conference agreement includes \$8,000,000 for mosquito and other pest abatement activities in states affected by the Gulf Coast hurricanes of 2005. The Senate bill proposed \$20,000,000 and the House did not propose a similar provision. The conferees intend that these funds be distributed as grants to the eligible states and not be subject to the provisions of the Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health (MASH) Act.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed by the Senate that provided \$2,669,846 to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, for hurricane-related expenses. The House bill did not include a similar provision.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed by the Senate that pro-

vided \$1,500,000 to the Department of Education, Office of Inspector General, for hurricane-related expenses. The House bill did not include a similar provision.

HURRICANE EDUCATION RECOVERY

The conference agreement includes \$235,000,000 in additional assistance for displaced elementary and secondary school students for the 2005-2006 school year under the authority of the Hurricane Education Recovery Act. The Senate bill proposed \$300,000,000 for this activity. The House bill had no similar provision.

The conference agreement does not include funding for schools serving displaced elementary and secondary school students in the 2006-2007 school year under the authority of part A of Title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The Senate bill proposed \$350,000,000 for this activity. The House bill had no similar provision.

The conference agreement deletes a provision proposed by the Senate to create a loan program for institutions of higher education that were affected by the Gulf hurricanes. The House bill contained no similar provision.

The conference agreement includes \$50,000,000 for grants to institutions of higher education to help defray the expenses incurred as a result of the Gulf hurricanes of 2005. The House bill contained no similar provision and the Senate bill included \$30,000,000 for a similar purpose. The conferees request that the Department brief the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not later than five days before the announcement of the availability of these funds.

RELATED AGENCIES

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY
SERVICE

NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS,
OPERATING EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The conference agreement includes \$10,000,000 for the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps. The Senate bill included \$20,000,000 for this purpose. The House bill contained no similar provision.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement does not include a provision proposed by the Senate that provided \$277,000 to the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, for hurricane-related expenses. The House bill did not include a similar provision.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS CHAPTER

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—HURRICANE
EDUCATION RECOVERY

The conference agreement deletes a provision proposed by the Senate to create a new loan program for institutions of higher education that were affected by the Gulf hurricanes. Funds are instead provided through a grant mechanism.

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY
CAPITAL FINANCING PROGRAM

The conference agreement modifies a provision included by the Senate related to the Historically Black College and University Capital Financing Program. The House bill did not include a similar provision.

SUPPLEMENTAL ELEMENTARY-SECONDARY
FUNDS OBLIGATION EXTENSION

The conference agreement includes bill language that extends the period of time States and local school districts have to spend funds made available under section 107 of the Hurricane Education Recovery Act. Neither House nor Senate bill included a similar provision. This provision provides the Secretary of Education with the authority to extend the period of availability of such funds up to September 30, 2006, provided that such expenditures are for the 2005-2006 school year as is required by the Hurricane Education Recovery Act.

USE OF SUPPLEMENTAL HIGHER EDUCATION ACT
FUNDS

The conference agreement includes a provision proposed by the Senate regarding funding for the Mississippi Institutes of Higher Learning. The House bill did not include a similar provision.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The conference agreement includes a provision proposed by the Senate transferring \$38,000,000 from the Disaster Relief funds of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the Social Security Administration for hurricane-related expenses. The House bill did not include a similar provision.

CHAPTER 7

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE
CORPS

The conferees agree to provide \$44,770,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate. Funds are provided as follows:

Location	Project description	Request	Conference agreement
MS: Bay St. Louis	Seclusion Berthing	3,240,000	3,240,000
MS: NCBC Gulfport	Fitness Center	32,800,000	24,140,000
MS: NCBC Gulfport	Navy Exchange Complex and NEX/MWR Cold Storage Facilities	15,890,000	15,890,000
Worldwide: Unspecified	Planning and Design	1,500,000	1,500,000
Total		53,430,000	44,770,000

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

The conferees agree to provide \$97,300,000 as proposed by the House, instead of \$103,500,000 as proposed by the Senate. Funds are provided as follows:

Location	Project description	Request	Conference agreement
MS: Keesler AFB	Base Exchange	40,000,000	40,000,000
MS: Keesler AFB	Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility	29,000,000	29,000,000
MS: Keesler AFB	Fire Cash Rescue Station	19,600,000	19,600,000
MS: Keesler AFB	Library	5,500,000	5,500,000
Worldwide: Unspecified	Planning and Design	17,140,000	3,200,000
Total		111,240,000	97,300,000